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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS M. COSTLE

REF: (A) STATE 216476, (B) FERGUSON-STROTHER TELECON 22
SEPTEMBER

1. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, EPA ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS M. COSTLE PLANS TO VISIT PARIS OCTOBER 20 FOR MEETINGS WITH FRENCH NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF OECD.
2. PURPOSES OF VISIT WITH NATIONAL OFFICIALS ARE: (A) TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL RAPPORT, (B) TO INDICATE STRONG INTEREST IN THE FURTHERANCE OF BILATERAL CONTACTS ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND ACTIONS; (C) TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERNS; AND (D) TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT WORKING-LEVEL FOLLOW-UP.

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3. PURPOSE OF VISIT WITH OECD OFFICIALS WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL.

4. ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DAVID H. STROTHER OF EPA'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES. HE WILL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW-UP, AND WISHES TO ESTABLISH WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS COUNTERPART(S).

5. SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE PLANS TO RAISE WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES ARE: (A) IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL EFFECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S. TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT; (B) CONTROL OF EMISSIONS AND NOISE FROM AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT ENGINES; (C) DISPOSAL, INCLUDING OCEAN DUMPING, OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES; (D) OCEAN DUMPING AND OIL SPILL CONTROL; (E) RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY DETERMINE OTHER ISSUES WHICH FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS, WITH ANALYSIS OF ANY CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS WHICH MIGHT BE RAISED.

7. ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE WISHES TO MEET WITH AMBASSADORS TO FRANCE AND OECD, AND WELCOMES PARTICIPATION IN PARIS MEETINGS.

8. FOLLOWING SUPPORT REQUESTED:

(A) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20: EMBASSY CAR TO MEET COSTLE AND STROTHER AT ARRIVAL OF SABENA 641 AT CDG AT 8:50 AM AND TRANSPORT TO FIRST MEETING;

(B) EMBASSY TO ASSURE THAT TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED BY EMBASSY OR FRENCH FOR ALL MOVES DURING DAY;

(C) RESERVATION OF TWO SINGLES AT MODERATE PRICE HOTEL, AS DISCUSSED REF (B);

(D) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21: EMBASSY CAR TO TAKE COSTLE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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STROTHER FROM HOTEL IN TIME TO CATCH AIR FRANCE 842 DEPARTING AT 8:00 AM FOR LONDON.

9. AS DISCUSSED REF (B), OPTIMAL SCHEDULE FOR DAY WOULD SEEM TO BE: (A) PICKUP AT CDG AND TRANSPORT TO MEETING WITH OECD; (B) MEETING AT OECD, ONE AND ONE-HALF TO TWO HOURS; (C) LUNCHEON TO BE ARRANGED PER REF (B); (D) AFTER-NOON WITH FRENCH ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS; (E) TIME BETWEEN AFTERNOON MEETING AND DINNER TO CHECK INTO HOTEL, REST FOR 30 MINUTES, AND FRESHEN FOR DINNER (PROBABLY ONE HOUR TOTAL); (F) DINNER TO BE ARRANGED PER REF (B); (G) CONCLUSION OF DINNER IN TIME TO GET REASONABLE NIGHT'S SLEEP BEFORE EARLY WAKE-UP FOLLOWING MORNING.

10. REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS (OFFICE AND HOME) OF CONTROL OFFICER FOR COSTLE VISIT- EPA CONTACT IS DAVID STROTHER, OFFICE PHONE 202-755-8712, HOME PHONE 301-229-1663. STROTHER CAN BE REACHED AT USNATO DURING DAYS OF OCTOBER 18 AND 19; EVENINGS AT BRUSSELS SHERATON.

11. REQUEST EMBASSY RESPONSE, PARTICULARLY ON ISSUES

TO BE DISCUSSED, BY SEPTEMBER 29. EPA APPRECIATES
EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. VANCE

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